TITLE: Measurement of ozone reactivity for major pesticide

VOCs

PROBLEM: The ozone reactivity of many pesticide VOCs is not well

known. Experimental measurements have been made for only a few of the pesticide VOCs most commonly used in

California.

PREVIOUS WORK: UC Riverside has measured the ozone reactivity of several

pesticide VOCs using environmental chamber

experiments. Ozone reactivities have been measured for methyl bromide and chloropicrin, which collectively account for 34% of the total statewide pesticide VOC inventory. The analytical methods developed in these studies can be used to determine the ozone reactivities of other pesticide

VOCs.

OBJECTIVE: Develop technically sound ozone reactivity factors for the

most commonly used pesticide VOCs in California.

DESCRIPTION: Measure the ozone reactivity of five pesticide VOCs using

environmental chamber irradiation experiments. Compounds most likely to be measured are methyl isothiocyanate, 1,3-dichloropropene, chlorpyrifos,

thiobencarb, and EPTC. These five cumulatively account

for approximately 30 % of the total statewide VOC inventory and are all active ingredients. The list of compounds to be measured may change should new

information become available.

BENEFITS: As ozone SIPs are developed for the San Joaquin Valley

and other agricultural areas in California, a sound understanding of the impacts of pesticides on ozone formation is needed. Experimentally determined ozone reactivities will improve air quality modeling and assist in

future SIP development.

COST: \$100,000

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